

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF THE  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

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**ST. MARY'S COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN**

**DATE:** March 19, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. Room 14, Potomac Building

**PRESENT:** Norma Pipkin (Chair), Erin Walker (Vice-Chair), Katie Werner ( Secretary)Marta Kelsey, Mary Ludwig, Jennifer Brown, Juanita Nether, Beth Knisley, Joanna Colvin, Diane Danaher, Brenda Scheufele, Cynthia Brown (Division Manager), and Jamie Kane.

**ABSENT:** Sandie Green

**Item #** 1

**Motion:** A motion was made to accept the February 12, 2018 meeting minutes and notes (notes provided by CFW Secretary).

**By:** Mary Ludwig

**Second:** Juanita Neither

**For:** All

**Against:** None

**2. Item #** 2

**Motion:** A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

**By:** Mary Ludwig

**Second:** Beth Knisley

**For:** All

**Against:** None

Notes from the  
St. Mary's County Commission for Women Meeting  
March 19, 2018

Norma Pipkin called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. Members present were: Norma Pipkin (Chair), Erin Walker (Vice-Chair), Katie Werner (Secretary), Jennifer Brown, Joanna Colvin, Diane Danaher, Marta Kelsey, Beth Knisley, Mary Ludwig, Juanita Nether, and Brenda Scheufele. Also present were Cynthia Brown and Jamie Kane.

**Minutes and Notes** - Mary Ludwig moved and Juanita Nether seconded that the minutes and notes from the February 12, 2018 meeting be accepted as submitted. All voted in favor of the motion.

**Budget** - Norma Pipkin proposed that we meet to determine budget spending for the remainder of the fiscal year on either April 9<sup>th</sup> or April 16<sup>th</sup> prior to the next meeting. Everyone agreed that we would meet on April 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 prior to our next meeting; we can then make any motions at our regular meeting starting at 5:30.

**Committee Reports**

**Healthy Relationships** - The Respect Week Proclamation by the County Commissioners is scheduled for tomorrow (March 20, 2018) at 9:05 a.m. On March 20<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. the presentation is scheduled for Chopticon High School; it is scheduled at Leonardtown High School on March 21<sup>st</sup> at 12:00 p.m. and at Great Mills High School on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12:00 p.m. The public presentation is scheduled for March 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Leonardtown High School. An i-Pad has been donated to each school as a door prize. It is possible that these programs will need to be rescheduled due to impending weather (snow). Mr. Wyant will reach out to Mr. Mitchell tomorrow to discuss. *Note: As a result of the tragic event at Great Mills High School on March 20<sup>th</sup> all programs were cancelled (including the County Commissioner's proclamation). Hopefully these can be rescheduled in the very near future.*

**Visit to Green Holly Elementary School** - Erin Walker reported that she and Jennifer Brown visited the school on March 6<sup>th</sup>. They discussed women's rights and suffragette movement as well as civil rights developments since 1920. The 4<sup>th</sup> grade students were respectful, engaged and asked good questions. There were three classes and they were there for approximately 45 minutes per class.

**Old Business**

**Listening Tour - Follow-Up** - On February 28<sup>th</sup> a group from CFW and FVCC traveled to the Justice Center in Upper Marlboro (Prince George's County). It is an all-inclusive center for domestic violence victims, with 22 agencies. They spent six years working on the concept. It is hoped we can give a follow-up to the County Commissioners in June as a follow-up to the Listening Tour.

**Family Violence Coordinating Council** - Mary reported that the next meeting should be in May or June.

**School Safety Meeting** - on February 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Norma reported that the primary focus of this meeting was gang formations in St. Mary's County. There was a follow-up meeting the following week that Jen attended where the primary focus was on school safety.

**Women's Wellness** - on February 24<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. It was a well-attended event; there were more visitors to our table earlier in the day.

### Committee Reports

**Banquet** - The event was a success; there were only a few empty seats in the room. Jen will get with Norma about sending out thank you notes (sponsors, pastor, speaker, Jane Sypher, etc.) Brenda Scheufele noted that winning Tomorrow's Woman 2018 made Sydney Vieten's year; in addition to the volunteer hours she spends at Ridge Volunteer Fire Department, she also volunteers for the Mechanicsville Rescue Squad.

### New Business

**Budget Meeting** - It will be on April 16, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. (prior to our regularly scheduled meeting).

**Date for Presentation of Check to College of Southern Maryland** - They would like to do the presentation differently this year (seemed to be rushed when done at County Commissioner meeting); perhaps presenting the big check in a more ceremonial way. We'll need the numbers first. Cynthia Brown will discuss going to the college with Lori Jennings-Harris. We're hoping to do the presentation in May.

### Upcoming Events:

March 20, 2018 - Respect Week Proclamation by County Commissioners (9:05 a.m.) *TO BE RESCHEDULED*

March 20, 2018 - Bill Mitchell presentation at Chopticon High School (12:00 p.m.) *TO BE RESCHEDULED*

March 21, 2018 - Bill Mitchell presentation at Leonardtown High School (12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.) *TO BE RESCHEDULED*

March 22, 2018 - Bill Mitchell presentation at Great Mills High School (12:00 p.m.) *TO BE RESCHEDULED*

April 10, 2018 - Pay Equity Proclamation by County Commissioners (9:05 a.m.)

April 16, 2018 - Budget Meeting (4:30 p.m.)

April 16, 2018 - Meeting (5:30 p.m.)

May 21, 2018 - Meeting (5:30 p.m.)

June 18, 2018 - Meeting (5:30 p.m.)

July - TBD - Annual Retreat

Jamie Kane was visiting us at the meeting so everyone went around the room and introduced themselves.

Mary Ludwig moved and Beth Knisley seconded that the meeting be adjourned. All voted in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Werner, Secretary

**OUR BANQUET IS MARCH 15, 2018**  
**SOUTHERN MARYLAND HIGHER ED CENTER**  
**OUR NEXT MEETING IS MARCH 19, 2018**  
**5:30 P.M., POTOMAC BUILDING, ROOM 14**

**SEE YOU THEN ☺**